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GINN & Co. have in press a work on "Political Science and Comparative Constitutional Law," by Prof. J. W. Burgess, of Columbia College. It will be in two volumes, the first of which treats of the Nation and the State as concepts of political science. The formation of the Constitution, also, is regarded and treated as a political, not a legal process. Under the head of Constitutional Law, the author describes the organization of liberty and of government. The latter topic occupies the entire second volume. The typical constitutions selected for comparison are those of France, Germany, England, and the United States.

BANGS & Co. announce the Regular Spring Parcel Sale to take place on Tuesday, May 6, and following days. The consignments are of unusual interest, including contributions from J. W. Bouton, S. C. Griggs & Co., Jones Bros. Publishing Co., Macmillan & Co., Oldach & Co., Orange Judd Co., G. P. Putnam's Sons, and Worthington Co. among the American publishers; and from John Grant, Edinburgh, Reeves & Turner and Vizetelly & Co., London. A special offer from John Grant covers 14,000 volumes of remainders of valuable and desirable books, for which the terms and particulars are stated in the catalogue now ready for mailing.

THE CASSELL PUBLISHING COMPANY will publish at once Camille Flammarion's astronomical romance, "Urania." It is described as being such a story as one might imagine that Jules Verne and Richard A. Proctor could have written had one put his imagination and the other his science into the same pot and got R. L. Stevenson to stir them up. There is just enough science to hold the attention of the student and enough plot and love-story to interest the general reader. Mrs. Mary J. Serrano, translator of "Marie Bashkirtseff," has put M. Flammarion's delightful French into charming English. A portrait of the author will be given in the volume.

HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & Co. will publish this year the writings of James Russell Lowell in a new complete and handsome large-paper edition. They will make ten volumes, classified as follows: "Literary Essays," in four volumes; "Political Essays," in one volume; "Literary and Political Addresses," in one volume; "Poems," in four volumes. They will include all of Lowell's writings that he cares to preserve. For the "Big-low Papers" he has written full explanatory notes. Only 300 copies will be issued for America, the form being that of the large-paper edition of Longfellow. It is expected that the first volume will be ready shortly and that the ten will all have been issued early in the fall. They will also publish Dr. Holmes' "Over the Teacups" in book-form when the series is completed in the *Atlantic*.



## WEEKLY RECORD OF NEW PUBLICATIONS.\*

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**Addison, Jos., and Steele, Sir R:** Sir Roger de Coverley papers from the *Spectator*; ed. by Alfred S. Roe. N.Y. and Bost., Leach, Shewell & Sanborn, [1890.] *c.* 5+198 p. D. (The students' ser. of English classics.) cl., 42 c.

**American state reports, cont.** the cases of general value and authority subsequent to those contained in the "American decisions" and the "American reports," decided in the courts of last resort of the several states, sel., rep., and annot. by A. C. Freeman and others. V. 11. San Francisco, Bancroft-Whitney Co., 1890. *c.* 1018 p. O. shp., \$4.

The original volumes of reports in which the cases re-reported in this volume are to be found are as follows: Alabama reports, v. 86; California, v. 77; Florida, v. 23; Georgia, v. 79; Illinois, v. 127; Michigan, v. 66, 67; New York, v. 114; North Carolina, v. 102; Oregon, v. 17; Pennsylvania, v. 125; Texas appeals reports, v. 27.

**\*Auerbach, B.** Barfüssele. Milwaukee, Wis., C. N. Caspar, 1890. 264 p. 16°, cl., 50 c.

**Aveline, Alfred D'** Menshikoff; or, the peasant prince. Phil., H. L. Kilner & Co., 1890. *c.* 222 p. S. cl., net, 38 c.

The hero is a peasant boy, who saves the life of the Czar, Peter the Great. His rise to greatness and wealth through the kindness of the Czar, and his rapid loss of honesty and honor as his years and fame increase, is the theme of the story. Scene, Russia in the 17th century.

**Bancroft, Hubert Howe.** History of the Pacific States of North America. V. 26: Washington, Idaho, and Montana, 1845-1889. San Francisco, Cal., The History Co., 1890. *c.* 26+836 p. maps, O. cl., \$4.50; leath., \$5.50; hf. cf., hf., rus., or hf. mor., \$8; rus., mor., or tree cf., \$10.

The history of these three important divisions follows directly the "History of Oregon" in this series, which in turn follows the "History of the Northwest Coast." First, the whole country, including British Columbia, was treated of under the last-named title. Then, after the fur companies retired, all the vast area between the 42d and 49th parallels was called the Oregon territory. Washington was then set off from Oregon, and Idaho and Montana were part of Washington, until finally Idaho was set off from Washington, and Montana from Idaho. So that this volume may properly be considered part of the three volumes that have preceded it. List of authorities consulted and full index.

**\*Beach, C. F., jr.** Annual digest of railway decisions and statutes, American and English, from Jan. 1, 1889, to Jan. 1, 1890; with notes upon striking or novel decisions, and citations of the principal legal text-books published during the year, embracing also an appendix containing a list of railroad counsel in the U. S. and Canada. Jersey City, F. D. Linn & Co., 1890. *c.* 34+289 p. O. shp., \$3.50.

**\*Bible.** Smaller Cambridge Bible for schools. The gospel according to St. Luke; with introd. and notes by F. W. Farrar, D.D. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1890. 160 p. map, 16°, cl., 30 c.

**Blackburn, C. H.** The trial of Jesus from a lawyer's view. Cin., O., Rob. Clarke & Co., 1890. 2-68 p. O. pap., 50 c.

"My object in submitting this production to my fellow-

men is that, by directing the attention of the reader to the violations of Hebrew and Roman law, in the arrest, trial, and crucifixion of Christ, that his divine character would become so manifest that some, at least, would be constrained to accept the atonement thus offered, and thereby insure their eternal welfare."—*Author's Preface.*

**\*Bowen, Ja. L.** Massachusetts in the war, 1861-1865; with an introd. by H. L. Dawes. Springfield, Mass., Clark W. Bryan & Co., 1890. 1050 p. por. 8°, cl., \$4.50; hf. leath., \$5; full leath., \$6.

**Brinton, Daniel G., M.D., and Davidson, T:** Giordano Bruno; philosopher and martyr: two addresses. Phil., D. McKay, 1890. 4-68 p. O. cl., 75 c.; pap., 50 c.

These addresses were read before the Contemporary Club of Philadelphia in January, 1890. They contain a brief sketch of Bruno's career, an analysis of the main features of his philosophy in its relation to modern thought, and a review of the sources from which it was derived.

**\*Brown, Marie A.** The Icelandic discoverers of America. N. Y., J. B. Alden, 1890. il. 12°, cl., 75 c.

**\*Buel, Rev. S:** A treatise of dogmatic theology. N. Y., T: Whittaker, 1890. 2 v., 513; 700 p. 8°, cl., \$6.

**\*Callisthenes, [The false.]** The history of Alexander the Great; being the Syriac version of the pseudo-Callisthenes, ed. from five mss. with an English tr. and notes by Ernest A. Wallis Budge. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1890. 111+200+204 p. 8°, cl., \$7.50.

**\*Campbell, T: F.** Genesis of power and the media through which it acts. N. Y., J. B. Alden, 1890. 12°, cl., 75 c.

**\*Chalmers, Ja. R.** The probate law and practice in the courts of Miss. and Tenn.; including a compilation of the statutes of Miss. and Tenn. touching the jurisdiction of their courts in these matters, and of the statutes on the subjects of wills, descent and distribution, etc. An appendix contains a complete set of forms and precedents. Rochester, N. Y., The Lawyers' Coöperative Pub. Co., 1890. *c.* 4+630 p. O. shp., \$7.50.

**Cheney, Mrs. Ednah D.** Nora's return: a sequel to the "Doll's house," of Henry Ibsen. Bost., Lee & Shepard, 1890. *c.* 2-64 p. S. pap., 50 c.

Mrs. Cheney continues Nora's story, and shows how a reconciliation is possible between her and her husband. The aim of the little sketch is to illustrate the fact "that in service for others we secure our own development and happiness."

**Childs, G: W.** Recollections. Phil., J. B. Lipincott Co., 1890. *c.* 3-404 p. por. D. cl., \$1.

The first four papers were originally published in *Lipincott's Magazine* during 1889. They contain details of Mr. Childs' life, of his building up of the Phila. *Public Ledger*, of which he is the proprietor, and his recollections of public men, among which are some interesting anecdotes of General Grant. To the text of the original papers have been added the story of the memorial to Shake-

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speare at Stratford-on-Avon; an account of the window in Westminster Abbey to the poets Herbert and Cowper; the window to Milton in St. Margaret's Church, Westminster; and of the reredos erected in St. Thomas' Church Winchester, England.

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\***Cook, A. M.** Macmillan's Latin course. Pt. 2. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1890. 7+176 p. 16°, cl., 60 c.

\***Crawford, Cora Hayward.** The land of the Montezumas. N. Y., J. B. Alden, 1890. il. 12°, cl., \$1.

\***Crawford, F. Marion.** The Roman singer. Bost., Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 1890. 16°, (Riverside pap. ser.) pap., 50 c.

**Davis, Eben H.** The fourth reading book. Phil., J. B. Lippincott Co., [1890.] c. 3-448 p. il. D. (Lippincott's new ser.) cl., 80 c.

See notice of series under Davis, Second reading-book, P. W., "Weekly Record," Feb. 22, 1890, [943.]

\***Demosthenes.** Orations; with introd., and notes by Evelyn Abbott and P. E. Matheson. V. 2. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1890. 16°, cl., \$1.10.

\***De Quincey, T.** The collected writings. *New enl. ed.*, by D. Masson. V. 6, Historical essays and researches. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1890. 447 p. 12°, cl., \$1.25.

\***Dilke, Sir C.** Wentworth. Problems of Greater Britain. 2d ed. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1890. 2 v., maps, 8°, cl., \$12.

\***Dowd, J. E.** Health and strength in physical culture. Chic., Prof. J. E. Dowd, 186 Clark St., 1890. 145 p. 16°, cl., \$1; pap., 50 c.

**Drysdale, W.** The Princess of Montserrat: a strange narrative of adventure and peril on land and sea. N. Y., Albany Book Co., 1890. c. 2+238 p. D. (Hudson River ser., no. 2.) cl., \$1; pap., 50 c.

A love-story, with the scene laid upon a desert isle in the tropics. The hero is an American and a young newspaper man, who finds himself, through a trick played upon him by a rival, stranded in London with but a few dollars in his pocket. Chance places in his way an opportunity to go out to one of the West India Islands in the employ of an English company. From here his love-story and perilous adventures begin.

\***Dufferin, (Lady.)** Our vice-regal life in India; selections from my journal, 1884-1888, by the Marchioness of Dufferin and Ava. N. Y., Scribner & Welford, 1890. 2 v. 8°, cl., \$9.

\***Dupré, J. V.** Quarter sectional atlas of the city of Milwaukee; drawn and compiled from the records of Milwaukee Co. 3d rev. ed., 1889. Milwaukee, Wis., C. N. Caspar, 1890. 69 p. 4°, hf. roan, net, \$20.

\***Eggs** all the year round at 4d. per dozen, and chickens at 4d. per pound; cont. full and complete information for the successful and profitable keeping of poultry. 5th ed. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1890. 95 p. 16°, pap., 50 c.

\***Eimer, G. H. Theodor.** Organic evolution as the result of the inheritance of acquired characters according to the laws of organic growth; tr. by J. T. Cunningham. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1890. 28+435 p. 8°, cl., \$3.25.

\***Eschstruth, Nataly von, (Baroness.)** Polish blood: a romance; tr. by Cora Louise Turner. N. Y., J. B. Alden, 1890. 12°, cl., \$1.

\***Evolution (The)** of a life. Chic., Holt Publishing Co., 4313 Lake Ave., 1890. 436 p. 12°, cl., \$2.

**Field, H. M., D.D.** Bright skies and dark shadows. N. Y., C. Scribner's Sons, 1890. c. 316 p. map, O. cl., \$1.50.

A visit of a few months made to Florida in search of health, was the occasion of the writing of this book. The journey down and the surroundings of St. Augustine furnish several chapters, but the bulk of the book is taken up with a discussion of the negro question. Mr. Field writes from what he saw, and writes dispassionately, presenting both sides with equal fairness. There are chapters also on the battle of Franklin, the Hermitage—the home and burial-place of Andrew Jackson, Stonewall Jackson and the valley campaign, and the last days of General Lee.

**Flannery, Jerome, comp.** The American cricket annual for 1890. N. Y., C. J. Sabiston, 1271 Ninth Ave., 1890. 3-116 p. S. pap., 50 c.

\***Gardiner, Curtiss C., ed.** Lion Gardiner, and his descendants, 1599-1890; ed. with notes, critical and illustrative. St. Louis, A. Whipple, 217 N. 3d St., 1890. 210 p. il. 8°, cl., \$5. [Limited ed. of 200 copies.]

\***Green, W.** Spotswood. Among the Selkirk glaciers, being the account of a rough survey in the Rocky Mountain regions of British Columbia. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1890. 15+251 p. 12°, cl., \$2.25.

**Grove, J. H.** A text-book of Latin exercises: intended as a first year's course in Latin and a drill-book for beginners, and as an introduction to Cæsar's commentaries on the Gallic war. *New rev. enl. ed.* Delaware, O., L. S. Wells, 1890. c. 14+290 p. O. cl., net, \$1.25.

**Hammond, W. A., M.D.** Lal: a novel. N. Y., Appleton, 1890. c. '84. 3-466 p. D. (Appleton's town and country lib., no. 51.) pap., 50 c. See notice, "Weekly Record," P. W., July 26, '84, [652.]

\***Hogarth, D. G.** Devia Cypria; notes of an archaeological journey in Cyprus in 1888. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1890. 7+124 p. il. and maps, 8°, cl., \$5.25.

**Hutchinson, Horace G.** Golf: with contributions by Lord Wellwood, Sir Walter Simpson, Rt. Hon. A. J. Balfour, Andrew Lang, H. S. C. Everard, and others; il., by T. Hodge and Harry Furniss. Bost., Little, Brown & Co., 1890. 4-463 p. D. (The Badminton lib.) cl., \$3.50; hf. mor., \$5.

*Contents:* The history of golf, by Andrew Lang; General remarks on the game, by Lord Wellwood; Out of form—a chapter for adepts, by Sir Walter Simpson; Some celebrated golfers, by H. S. C. Everard; The humors of golf, by A. J. Balfour. The remaining chapters are by H. G. Hutchinson; they are On clubs and balls; Elementary instruction; On style—various styles; Hints to cricketers who are taking up golf; On nerve and training; Hints on match and medal play; Etiquette and behavior; On giving odds and handicapping; Some celebrated links, etc.

\***Jephet Ibu Ali, the Karaite.** Anecdota Oxoniensia; a commentary on the Book of Daniel; ed. and tr. by D. S. Margoliouth. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1890. 13+87 p. 4°, cl., \$5.25.

**Jerome, Jerome K.** Stage-land; curious habits and customs of its inhabitants; il., by J. Bernard Partridge. N. Y., H. Holt & Co., 1890. 5-158 p. il. D. cl., \$1.

The same quaint, fresh humor that characterized "Three men in a boat," is found here. The writer's subjects are the hero, the villain, the heroine, the comic man, the adventuress, the comic lovers, the peasants, and other characters of the modern drama. Their unreality and unintentional comicality are admirably and most amusingly



described. The pictures are as clever as the text, and as humorous.

\***Kansas.** General statutes, 1889. Being a compilation of all the laws of a general nature, including the session laws of 1889, based upon the general statutes of 1868, and Dassler's compiled laws of 1885; thoroughly annot. to and incl. Kansas reports, v. 40. Pub. by authority of the legislature. V. 2, by Irwin Taylor. Topeka, G: W. Crane & Co., 1889. c. '90. 1171-2356 p. O. shp., (*for complete work*), \$9.60.

**Kingsley, C.** Hereward the Wake, "last of the English." N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1890. 4+178 p. O. pap., 25 c.

\***Kingsley, C.** The hermits. N. Y., Macmillan & Co., 1890. 335 p. il. 12°, cl., \$1.25.

**Koenig, F.** Jean Bart. Phil., H. L. Kilner & Co., 1890. c. 174 p. il. S. cl., *net*, 38 c.  
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## THE NEW SCHOOL-BOOK COMBINATION.

WE print elsewhere an account of the organization of the American Book Company—that is, the coalition of the school-book publishing firms of Ivison, Blakeman & Co., D. Appleton & Co., Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., and A. S. Barnes & Co., which has long been contemplated—so far as its organization is completed. At the present writing nothing further can be stated than is given in our report. The main object of the new corporation is stated to be to do away with undue and costly competition. As every one in the book trade is aware, while improvement in production has advanced with giant strides, the expenses of doing business, through the competition and strife for trade, have been threatening to increase beyond all proportion. The remedy for this state of affairs has engaged the serious attention of the leading houses for years, until now the way out of the difficulty to four of these firms seems to be in the centralization of their property under one ownership and management.

By doing away with ruinous competition, by simplifying its machinery and enhancing its power to purchase its material in bulk at the lowest possible prices, it is claimed that the new concern can afford to put its books into the market at even lower prices, and be able to serve the public more efficiently in every direction than was possible under the old order. At any rate, there is no reason to believe that the American

Book Company will forfeit in any way the confidence reposed in the several firms comprising it for nearly half a century.

As to the danger of this corporation monopolizing the school-book business, we have had occasion to point out again and again that such a thing as a monopoly in the book business would be impossible. The danger is not in this direction. Any house, or any new publisher, can make a new book, and it is certain that with progress in education new and better books will be made. The combination includes the four leading firms of the school-book trade, doing probably more than half the business; there are between one and two hundred other concerns in the trade, some of them of large individual importance. The enormous aggregation of capital and of business in the combination gives it an enormous advantage over competitors in the cost of doing business, and the other houses will be put on their mettle to hold their own. If the new concern seeks to "run them out" by the ways common to "trusts," it will be bad all around; if it stimulates the other concerns to a competition of quality in a fair field, it will do good. The policy of the new company as it develops will decide whether the combination is for or against the interest of the public, the schools, and the trade.

A GREAT lament has gone up here and there in the public press since the realization of the Lovell combination, and many a Sir Toby is standing about querulously asking, "Shall there be no more cakes and ale, now that these rapacious publishers have become virtuous?" and others ask whether they are to be "held down by the mob rule of unrestricted book trusts"! The combination does not yet "own the world," nor is it likely that it ever will. While it has undoubtedly control of the plates of many sets and lines of books, there are still in the field as competitors such doughty fighters as The American News Co., Porter & Coates, Rand, McNally & Co., J. S. Ogilvie, T. B. Peterson & Bros., G. W. Dillingham, Street & Smith, Robert Bonner's Sons, and Ivers & Co., who are all more or less engaged in the publication of "cheap" books. Besides these there is the bulk of the publishing business, which as yet has taken no hand in the movement, except in so far as it has affected the regulation of discounts, but which also must more or less come into competition with the Lovell Company. The state of affairs, so far as the public is concerned, will therefore remain as before, except that in consideration of a slight advance in some lines of books it will receive a better-made article. So far as the trade is concerned, we hope the regulation of discounts will work definite good. Beyond that, let the "best man win."



## THE AMERICAN BOOK COMPANY.

THE one topic of conversation in the book trade at present is the formation of The American Book Company—a combination of the four school-book publishing firms of Ivison, Blakeman & Co., Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., D. Appleton & Co., and A. S. Barnes & Co. The corporation expects to be on a working basis in about three weeks, and until then the trade must rest content with the few general facts given below concerning its organization, etc.

The American Book Company is a stock corporation formed under corporate law, and will own absolutely all of the school-book plants belonging to the different firms mentioned above, including stock on hand, book plates, copyright, and good-will. The probable exception to this joint ownership will perhaps be the stationery supplies of one or two of the houses, notably the pen-business of Ivison, Blakeman & Co. It is not fully decided, however, that the individual imprints of the houses will be given up. The precise amount of capital stock to be issued has not been definitely determined, but cannot fall far short of \$5,000,000. The officers of the company are Birdseye Blakeman, President; Gen. A. C. Barnes, Vice-President; Harry T. Ambrose, Treasurer; and Gilman H. Tucker (who has been Secretary of the School-Book Publishers' Association for a number of years), Secretary. The Board of Directors includes Messrs. William H. Appleton, W. W. Appleton, and Col. Daniel Appleton, of D. Appleton & Co.; Gen. A. C. Barnes, Henry B. Barnes, and Charles J. Barnes, of A. S. Barnes & Co.; Birdseye Blakeman, David B. Ivison, and George R. Cathcart, of Ivison, Blakeman & Co.; and C. S. Bragg, A. H. Hinkle, and Henry H. Vail, of Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co.

The corporation has hired the new building at 806 and 808 Broadway, just above Grace Church, running through to the store under the offices of the Cassell Publishing Company on Fourth Avenue. Ivison Blakeman & Co. are already preparing to move into the new quarters, and later the other houses will no doubt concentrate their forces there also.

What the general policy of the business is to be in connection with the trade, whether there will be any changes in the method of prices and discounts, we have not as yet been able to learn. Some time must necessarily elapse before so huge a business can be fully organized in all its details, and until it is we presume the books heretofore published by the four houses comprising the new corporation will be handled on the old basis.

In reference to the various newspaper reports stigmatizing The American Book Company as a "trust" and a "monopoly," Mr. Cathcart, of Ivison, Blakeman & Co., reiterates what was said in the first public announcement of the movement, given in the PUBLISHERS' WEEKLY, March 15. "As business men, fully aware of the odium which attaches to the name of 'trust' or 'monopoly' in the public estimation," he further said, "we could not afford to do anything that would justify the application of the term to our organization. To do so would be suicidal, and, of course, we are not proposing to do anything suicidal."

To a reporter of the *Evening Post* Mr. Cathcart said: "The proposed combination will be the result of difficulties and perplexities which have been felt in this department of the business

for the last five or six years, and which the publishers have vainly endeavored to remove. School-books have come to be sold exclusively through agents who travel over the country from one school district to another. The great expense of these middlemen and the exceedingly low cost and small profit of school-books threaten to make the business unprofitable. There is no other kind of books of the same mechanical quality so cheaply sold as school-books. And the quality is of a very high order, and is constantly improving. The best paper and the strongest binding are provided; in many cases the type is expressly made according to the directions of eminent oculists, the illustrations are obtained from the leading artists and put on the block by the best-known wood-engravers, and the printing is done in the most careful manner and by the most improved methods. Modern school-books are therefore really artistic—luxurious, as compared with those of former days—and of course it costs a great deal of money to get them out; yet they are sold at positively low prices.

"The natural remedy for the growing unprofitableness of the business appeared to be a union of firms, whereby management might be concentrated in one centre and the expenses attending several managements be saved. It is evident that a material lessening of expenses can be effected in this way. A much smaller number of people will be required at one headquarters than at several; and the army of agents can at least be cut down to a single corps.

"Among the results which we expect would follow from the execution of our enterprise is the still further lowering of the price of school-books. We think that, on this new plan, the profits from the business would be sufficient to enable us to effect this reduction."

In reply to the question whether it is true that the new corporation has obtained options on the Indiana School-Book Company's books and on those of other houses, also whether they are backed or expect aid from English capital, Mr. Cathcart said that they do not hold a single option, and that the statement relating to foreign capital is absolutely without foundation.

As to the prediction that this combination would result in the States providing the books used in their public schools, Mr. Cathcart thinks that "the States would listen to better counsel, or if they attempted to supply themselves, that they would speedily repent it. The State of California has been trying it since 1883, with disastrous results. Up to February, 1887, the Legislature had appropriated \$367,500, and the State is still unprovided with geographies, which are the most expensive to manufacture of all school-books—the cost of a modern geography plant to a publisher being not less than \$100,000. The State also still lacks supplementary books, such as dictionaries, etc. The report of the Public Printer for 1886 showed that he had expended \$57,917.39 to put the printing-office in shape to commence the work of printing school-books. The entire State does not use as many school-books as the city of Brooklyn, but its expenditure of now nearly half a million dollars would supply Brooklyn with books for ten years. The city of Philadelphia, with a population greater than that of the State of California, appropriates only about \$90,000 per annum for supplies of all kinds for the public schools, which includes stationery, blank-books, etc., the largest items."

In commenting on the misrepresentations, con-



jectures, and prophecies made in relation to the corporation Mr. Cathcart said: "There is no subject upon which there has been so much exaggeration as this. I am sure that it will be considerably over the mark to put the total sum paid for the supply of text-books to the public schools of the United States for last year at \$7,000,000, which for 60,000,000 of people would be a little more than eleven cents each, and yet we publishers are pounced upon by a certain lot of ignorant demagogues who charge us with being the greatest robbers of our time."

#### A PROPHESED INVASION OF BOOKS.

WE extract the following from an interesting article on "Books and the Housing of Them," by the Hon. W. E. Gladstone, in *The Nineteenth Century* for March:

"In the old age of his intellect (which at this point seemed to taste a little of decrepitude), Strauss declared\* that the doctrine of immortality has recently lost the assistance of a passable argument, inasmuch as it has been discovered that the stars are inhabited; for where, he asks, could room now be found for such a multitude of souls? 'Again, in view of the current estimates of prospective population for this earth, some people have begun to entertain alarm for the probable condition of England (if not Great Britain) when she gets (say) the seventy millions that are allotted to her against six or eight hundred millions for the United States. We have heard in some systems of the pressure of population upon food; but the idea of any pressure from any quarter upon space is hardly yet familiar. Still, I suppose that many a reader must have been struck with the naïve simplicity of the hyperbole of St. John,† perhaps a solitary unit of its kind in the New Testament: 'the which if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself could not contain the books that should be written.'

"A book, even Audubon (I believe the biggest known), is smaller than a man; but, in relation to space, I entertain more proximate apprehension of pressure upon available space from the book population than from the numbers of mankind. We ought to recollect, with more of a realized conception than we commonly attain to, that a book, ay, that every book, consists, like man from whom it draws its lineage, of a body and a soul. They are not always proportionate to each other. Nay, even the different members of the book-body do not sing, but clash, when bindings of a profuse costliness are imposed, as too often happens in the case of Bibles and books of devotion, upon letterpress which is respectable journeyman's work and nothing more. The men of the Renaissance had a truer sense of adaptation; the age of jewelled bindings was also the age of illumination and of the beautiful *miniatura*, which at an earlier stage meant side- or margin-art,‡ and then, on account of the small portraits included in it, gradually slid into the modern sense of miniature. There is a caution which we ought to carry with us more and more as we get in view of the coming period of open book trade, and of demand practically boundless. Noble works ought not to be printed in mean and worthless forms, and cheapness ought to be limited by an instinctive sense and law of fitness. The binding of a

book is the dress with which it walks out into the world. The paper, type, and ink are the body, in which its soul is domiciled. And these three, soul, body, and habiliment, are a triad which ought to be adjusted to one another by the laws of harmony and good sense.

"Already the increase of books is passing into geometrical progression. And this is not a little remarkable when we bear in mind that in Great Britain, of which I speak, while there is a vast supply of cheap works, what are termed 'new publications' issue from the press, for the most part, at prices fabulously high, so that the class of real purchasers has been extirpated, leaving behind as buyers only a few individuals who might almost be counted on the fingers, while the effective circulation depends upon middle-men through the engine of circulating libraries. These are not so much owners as distributors of books, and they mitigate the difficulty of dearth by subdividing the cost, and then selling such copies as are still in decent condition at a large reduction. It is this state of things, due, in my opinion, principally to the present form of the law of copyright, which perhaps may have helped to make way for the satirical (and sometimes untrue) remark that in times of distress or pressure men make their first economies on their charities, and their second on their books.

"The annual arrivals at the Bodleian Library are, I believe, some twenty thousand; at the British Museum, forty thousand, sheets of all kinds included. Supposing three-fourths of these to be volumes, of one size or another, and to require on the average an inch of shelf space, the result will be, that in every two years nearly a mile of new shelving will be required to meet the wants of a single library. But, whatever may be the present rate of growth, it is small in comparison with what it is likely to become. The key of the question lies in the hands of the United Kingdom and the United States jointly. In this matter there rests upon these two Powers no small responsibility. They, with their vast range of inhabited territory, and their unity of tongue, are masters of the world, which will have to do as they do. When the Britains and America are fused into one book-market; when it is recognized that letters, which as to their material and their aim are a high-soaring profession, as to their mere remuneration are a trade; when artificial fetters are relaxed, and printers, publishers, and authors obtain the reward which well-regulated commerce would afford them, then let floors beware lest they crack, and walls lest they bulge and burst, from the weight of books they will have to carry and to confine.

#### THE BOOKSELLERS' AND STATIONERS' PROVIDENT ASSOCIATION.

THE regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Booksellers' and Stationers' Provident Association of the United States was held on Wednesday evening, April 16, 1890. The following were unanimously elected to membership: A Dwight Stratton, Samuel Valentine, and George E. Bemir, of New York City; James H. Hammill, of Onondaga, Mich.; and Charles W. Cook, Holyoke, Mass.

The resolutions, printed in our last issue, were then passed, commending the faithful work of the retiring Secretary, Mr. Andrew Geyer, who recently resigned after six years of service. Mr. Geyer carries with him the good wishes and thanks of every member of the Association for

\* In *Der alte und der neue Glaube*.

† xxi. 25.

‡ First of all it seems to have referred to the red capital letters placed at the head of chapters or other divisions of works.



the untiring and efficient work done in behalf of the Association. Through his efforts very largely the Association has nearly doubled its membership, while the details of his office were attended to with despatch, discretion, and consideration seldom met with in other societies of a similar kind.

Mr. Wilbur B. Ketcham, 13 Cooper Union, N. Y., succeeds Mr. Geyer as Secretary. It is to be hoped that the members will remember that the Secretary's services are rendered gratuitously, and that, in view of the considerable work attached to the office, they ought to do all they can to make his work as light as possible. This they can do by remitting promptly, by advising him of removals, and by attending to all notices without waiting for reminders. The Association is now in a most prosperous condition, and can be kept so if every man in it will do his share of work.

A proposed amendment to the constitution which will be voted on at the annual meeting in June was also submitted. The amendment gives more definitely the time and manner of the payment of assessments.

### COPYRIGHT MATTERS.

#### THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE COPYRIGHT BILL.

THE friends of the Copyright bill ought to be assured that the calling up of the measure Monday, April 21, was an error, and that the bill has suffered no prejudice in consequence of Mr. Symond's action. It was suspension day, but the order had not been plainly announced, and the bill was called up under the impression that the House was doing business under the morning hour order. When the Patents Committee can bring the bill up in morning hours it will be called, and, after discussion, which may be finished in a day or in two days, the bill will come to a vote. It is probable that it will be helped through by the votes of the advocates of cheap rates of postage for serial publications, who have waked up to the fact that the two measures are in some way inclined to pass or fail together.

#### PHYSICIANS IN FAVOR OF INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHT.

THE feeling of the medical profession regarding international copyright is illustrated in the following letter from Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, of Philadelphia, to Mr. Johnson:

"Perhaps few persons, certainly none in the medical profession of this country, could show a record which would better prove the need on our part of a copyright than I. I once pointed out to a member of Congress, in my library, a copy of one of my books translated into French, two translations of the same in German, one in Russian, and another work of mine translated into French. For none of these had I ever received a cent. It is true that two of these translations were authorized by me when my consent was asked, but, of course, it would not have been given without some financial return to me if the law had been otherwise than it is, since any one could at will take the book and translate it without the slightest reference to the wishes of the author. A great many American medical books have been translated into the European languages with or without the assent of the authors, but I have never heard that for any of these did our authors ever receive a penny. My own case is, I fancy, the strongest, and I have no objection to your printing this statement, if it will further the purposes of the League."

#### GEORGE TICKNOR CURTIS ON INTERNATIONAL COPYRIGHT.

THE following letter has been received by Mr. R. U. Johnson, Secretary of the American Copyright League, from George Ticknor Curtis, advocating the pending International Copyright bill:

"It seems to me, as an American author and a citizen of the United States, in common with many other American authors and citizens, that our wishes ought to receive careful attention at the hands of Congress. It is no longer possible to deny the justice and expediency of an international copyright law such as is proposed in the pending bill. While it will benefit foreign and especially English authors, to American authors it is certain to operate as a measure that will secure to them fruits of their labors which they are entitled to enjoy. I have myself failed to receive revenue from publications that ought to have yielded me revenue in England as well as in this country, publications of which English publishers have availed themselves without making me the slightest remuneration. This wrong can be corrected by Congress for American authors in regard to future publications, without the slightest disadvantage to readers, publishers, bookmakers, or printers, by passing the pending bill.

"I may not have personal influence with those who are to decide this great measure of right and justice, but I feel that I have reason to do everything I can in its favor."

#### GEORGE W. CHILDS' RECOLLECTIONS.

A BOOK which will interest the book trade fully as much as their patrons is the handsome little volume of "Recollections" by George W. Childs, just issued by the J. B. Lippincott Co. It is made up of the series of papers published last summer in *Lippincott's Magazine*, to which has been added an appendix in which are described several of Mr. Childs' public gifts—the memorial fountain at Stratford-on-Avon; the memorial windows to Herbert, Cowper, and Milton; the Andrews and Ken reredos, etc. A preface to the volume is furnished by Mr. Melville Phillips, and an introductory note to the appended matter by Mr. L. Clarke Davis. Doubtless the parts of greatest interest to the publishing fraternity are those of his own reminiscences which describe Mr. Childs' success in life, beginning with his employment in a bookstore in Philadelphia, his attending the book-auctions in the evenings, his visit to the book trade sales in New York City, finally his going into business for himself at the age of eighteen, and at twenty-one beginning to publish books, in the firm of R. E. Peterson & Co., afterwards Childs & Peterson. Their first great book was Dr. Kane's "Arctic Explorations," and they paid the Doctor a copyright of nearly \$70,000 within a year. In 1863 Mr. Childs retired from book publishing, and in December, 1864, he purchased the *Ledger*. It was then losing (because sold for a cent, in that day of high-priced paper) \$3000 a week—say \$150,000 a year; and "I bought it," says Mr. Childs, "for a sum slightly in excess of the amount of its annual loss." It was, beyond doubt, the best purchase of newspaper property ever made in Philadelphia—perhaps in any city—and it stamped the purchaser's business judgment as wonderfully clear and sound. We understand that the advance orders for the book are such as to warrant an early printing of a second edition.



## LARGER LABELS WANTED ON FOREIGN MAIL.

THE Postmaster-General has requested Postmaster Van Cott to call the attention of New York publishers to a recent complaint made by the German postal authorities. This complaint states that the labels placed on papers mailed in the United States are small and undecipherable, and that they are undeliverable in many cases. The German office suggests that the labels be made of larger size.

## NOTES ON AUTHORS.

LOUISE CHANDLER MOULTON, Sarah C. Woolsey (Susan Coolidge), and Katharine Prescott Wormeley will spend the summer in Europe.

DR L. BÜCHNER, the author of "Kraft und Stoff," will shortly issue a new work, entitled "Fremdes und Eigenes aus dem Leben der Gegenwart." The book will treat of Spinoza, Diderot, Schopenhauer, etc., and of several great problems of our time, including the utopian "Völkerfrieden." In an appendix the author will describe a visit to Darwin.

A MRS. MARY J. HOLMES, of Ansonia, Ct., has written a novel, and a New York publisher contemplates putting it upon the market, but hesitates to put the author's name on the cover because it is the same as that of a well-known authoress. Mrs. Holmes is now holding consultation with different lawyers to discover whether she has or has not the right to use her name on the cover of her novel.

KOSSUTH has nearly ready for publication three additional volumes of his memoirs. They are said to contain, among other things, his remarks upon the policy of Napoleon III. toward the Vienna Court, and upon the endeavors of the Pope to retain his secular power, in addition to an interesting interview between Prince Bismarck and the French Ambassador, Comte de Saint Vallier. At the close of his preface Kossuth states that the Hungarian Deputy, M. Ignaz Helfy, has revised the work, as he himself was painfully conscious of the fact that during his forty-one years of exile he had not kept up with the advance of the Hungarian tongue.

## JOURNALISTIC NOTES.

*The Republican Magazine* is the title of a new monthly magazine devoted to the interests of the "defenders of the Union." All the organizations of veterans of the war, and sons of veterans, including the Grand Army of the Potomac, the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, the Woman's Relief Corps, and other associations, carrying upon their rosters 1,170,000 members, have representation in its pages.

*The Better Day* is the title of a new periodical, the organ of the "Better Day Reading Circles." It is a journal of temperance education, to extend among all reading and thinking people the work begun by the course of scientific temperance instruction in the public schools; not in the interest of any religious sect, nor of any political party, but to guide all readers in the careful and candid study of the history, science, and literature of the temperance reform. It will be published every two weeks by Funk & Wagnalls.

## PERSONAL NOTES.

MR. DAVID GORDON, manager for Walter Scott, publisher, of London, has just reached New York, where he will be for a week or two. Communications addressed to the care of Messrs. Scribner & Welford will find him.

MR. ARTHUR H. SCRIBNER has returned from Cairo, where he went to see Stanley and make arrangements for his new book, "In Darkest Africa, and the Quest, Rescue, and Retreat of Emin, Governor of Equatoria." Nearly all the manuscript has been received here.

MR. JOSEPH ABNER HARPER, one of the oldest members of the firm of Harper & Bros., and who has for years attended to the general business of the firm, has retired from active business life. He is succeeded by his son, Mr. John Harper, who has been connected with the house nearly eighteen years, and who is familiar with its business interests in every detail. The firm, which has entered upon its seventy-fifth year, now consists of Messrs. Philip J. A. Harper, Fletcher Harper, Joseph W. Harper, John W. Harper, J. Henry Harper, and John Harper.

## BUSINESS NOTES.

ALBANY, N. Y.—Adolph Picard has bought the book and stationery business of E. T. F. Maher.

BRYAN, TEX.—McCormick & Haswell, booksellers, have dissolved partnership.

FORD, IA.—We learn with regret that J. R. Taylor, bookseller, is dead.

GRAND FORKS, N. D.—Iddings & Graham, booksellers and stationers, have dissolved partnership.

GRAYVILLE, ILL.—J. A. Shelton has succeeded to the book and stationery business of T. J. Matthews.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.—We are pleased to hear that the Bowen-Merrill Company has recovered sufficiently from the effects of their disastrous fire to resume business. E. Hardy, of Roberts Brothers, and O. Brewer, of Scribner & Welford, were the first to sell them goods since the fire.

LOUISVILLE, KY.—Frank Dolfinger, executor of the estate of Henry Knoefel, bookseller, advertises the business for sale.

NEW YORK CITY.—The Gill Engraving Co. has removed to 39 and 41 Park Place, formerly the Graphic Building. The O. Judd Co. will remove to 52 Lafayette Place on May 1. The *Critic*, at the same time, will also move into the same building.

PORTLAND, ORE.—J. L. Thompson, formerly "buyer" for S. A. Maxwell, has formed a co-partnership with Mr. Stewart, of the late firm of Skeen & Stewart, of Chicago, and they have opened a general book and stationery business in this city.

RIVERSIDE, CAL.—Drake & Cundiff, booksellers, Cal., have dissolved partnership.

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.—Parsons & Derge, booksellers and stationers, have dissolved partnership.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.—The Bancroft Company has had an injunction put upon it by the Bancroft-



Whitney Company to restrain it from publishing law-books. To this there is quite a history attached. H. H. Bancroft is the holder of one-quarter of the shares in the Bancroft-Whitney Company, but he has been entirely closed out from sharing the profits of that corporation through a combination on the part of the other holders of the stock. They, having the majority, elected themselves officers at high and fancy salaries, the payment of which has used up all the profits. The Bancroft Company, of which H. H. Bancroft is President, has therefore resolved to publish law-books of its own accord, and its right to do so will be contested in court at an early date. Mr. Dorland, the Treasurer, states that by the original contract only the plates and good-will of the law publications were turned over to the Bancroft-Whitney Company, and as the Bancroft Company has lost by this time complete track of all the old customers and accounts, and proposes to start an entirely new set of publications, its position is unassailable.—*California Correspondent of the American Stationer.*

SHERMAN, TEX.—Donaldson & Hopson, booksellers and stationers, have dissolved partnership.

TACOMA, WASH.—Charles Herald, bookseller, has gone out of business.

WILLIMANTIC, CONN.—Chas. R. Utley, dealer in books, stationery, and wall-papers, has moved from the store so long occupied by him at 115 Main Street to the new and much more commodious building at 112 Main Street, where he has nearly twice as much room as at the old stand.

#### LITERARY AND TRADE NOTES.

A BOOK by the late Ella Haggard, the mother of the novelist, will soon appear in London under the title of "Life and its Author, an Essay in Verse." Mr. Rider Haggard will contribute to the volume a memoir of his mother.

FUNK & WAGNALLS announce elsewhere that they propose to print the volumes issued in their *Standard Library* in lots of 100,000, which they will supply to the trade on advance orders at a low price. They also announce that "additions will be made rapidly to this list of the standard books of the world."

LEA BROTHERS & Co., Philadelphia, have in press a volume of essays by Mr. Henry C. Lea, entitled "Chapters from the Religious History of Spain." They are upon subjects connected with the Spanish Inquisition, and merit a more elaborate treatment than could be accorded them in the continuous narrative of the Inquisition which Mr. Lea has in preparation.

At the last meeting of the trustees of the Stationers' Board of Trade the following named houses were elected to membership: Holyoke Card and Paper Company, Springfield, Mass.; A. G. Spalding & Brothers, Butler & Keely, and Cole & Williams, New York. The committee on rooms reported in favor of remaining in the present quarters, and it was so decided.

THE London *Bookseller* has published an interesting supplement containing an account of the Booksellers' Trade Dinner, held under the auspices of the Booksellers' Provident Institution, March 8 of this year. Besides a report of the exercises are given the portraits of eighty-five of

the leading publishers, booksellers, and authors present. The frontispiece is a portrait of Mr. John Murray, President of the Booksellers' Provident Institution.

THE ORNDALE PRESS, No. 7 Beekman St., N. Y., has been incorporated under the laws of New York State as a publishing house, and is now purchasing copyrights preparatory to the publication of a series of first-class American novels, issuing in this series one story a week. Stories are accepted upon their merits regardless of the literary prominence of the authors. The copyrights are bought outright, and paid for upon acceptance of manuscript. George L. Kilmer is the Secretary of the company.

HENRY HOLT & Co. will publish a series of small volumes of selections from the leading philosophers from Descartes down, prepared under the direction of Dr. E. H. Sneath, lecturer on the History of Philosophy at Yale. The volumes will be so arranged as to present an outline of their systems, each volume containing a biographical sketch of the author, a statement of the historical position of the system, and a bibliography. Those so far arranged for are Descartes, by Prof. Ladd, of Yale; Spinoza, by Prof. Fullerton, of the University of Pennsylvania; Locke, by Prof. Russell, of Williams; Berkeley, by ex-President Porter, of Yale; Hume, by Dr. Sneath, of Yale; and Hegel, by Prof. Royce, of Harvard. Kant, Comte, and Spencer will certainly be added to the series, and others, if encouragement is received.

"WHY the Solid South? or, Reconstruction and its results," is the title of a book now in preparation. It is written by fourteen representative public men of the South, most of them members of Congress, and each speaking for the State with whose history he is most familiar and of whose history he is a part. In order to avoid even the appearance of a campaign document, the various writers have, it is said, been urged by Representative Herbert, of Alabama, who is the general editor, to "take special pains to verify every important piece of testimony, and to bear in mind the power of understatement." Virginia is represented in this book by Mr. Robert Stiles, West Virginia by Mr. O. S. Long and Representative Wilson, North Carolina by Senator Vance, South Carolina by Representative Hemphill, Georgia by Representative Turner, Florida by Senator Pasco, Alabama by Representative Herbert, Mississippi by ex-Representative Barksdale, Louisiana by Mr. B. J. Sage, author of "The Republic of Republics," Tennessee by Mr. Ira P. Jones, Arkansas by Mr. W. M. Fishback, Texas by Representative Stewart, and Missouri by Senator Vest.

HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & Co. publish to-day in a little volume entitled "Robert Browning Personalities," a reprint of the notable article on Mr. Browning, by Mr. Edmund Gosse, which appeared in the *Century* magazine a few years ago, with a paper contributed by Mr. Gosse to the *New Review* after Browning's death. Mr. Gosse has also written for the volume a preface and an epilogue, and has added a poem by Mr. Browning not yet printed in his works. The book contains interesting information respecting Browning's earlier career. They have also just ready "Liberal Living upon Narrow Means," by Christine Terhune Herrick, largely made up of recipes clearly expressed and tested by careful trial, and



many suggestions and hints which will be found of great practical value to young housekeepers and to those who wish to make the most of moderate resources. "The Church's Certain Faith," being the Baldwin Lectures read at the University of Michigan, by Dr. George Zabriskie Gray, who sets forth clearly and forcibly those views concerning Christ and the Bible which are held by the best thinkers in Evangelical churches; also, a new edition of "Matthew Calbraith Perry, a typical American naval officer," by Dr. William Elliot Griffis.

DODD, MEAD & Co. will soon issue an inexpensive series to be called the *Makers of America*, which will include the lives of discoverers, colonizers, statesmen, men of war, men of letters, theologians, and inventors—men who, in their respective walks of life, "have been of sufficient force to stamp their impress on their times and to help shape the affairs of the continent." The biographies, prepared under the advisory editorship of Hamilton W. Mabie, of the *Christian Union*, are to average about 200 twelvemo pages; and while exact as to facts, each volume will be made thoroughly readable. Publication will be begun in the autumn, and the biographies will follow one another in rapid succession. The co-operation of distinguished writers and historical scholars has been enlisted, and the following are the subjects of volumes that have been arranged for thus far: "Christopher Columbus," by President Charles Kendall Adams, of Cornell; "John Winthrop," by the Rev. Joseph H. Twichell; "Robert Morris," by Prof. William G. Sumner, of Yale; "James Edward Oglethorpe," by Henry J. Bruce; "John Hughes, D.D.," by Henry A. Brann, D.D.; "Robert Fulton," by Prof. R. H. Thurston, of Cornell; "Francis Higginson," by Thos. Wentworth Higginson; "Peter Stuyvesant," by Bayard Tuckerman; "Thomas Hooker," by George L. Walker, D.D.; "Charles Sumner," by Anna L. Dawes; "Thomas Jefferson," by James Schouler; "William White," by the Rev. Julius H. Ward, with an introduction by Bishop Potter; "Jean Baptiste Lemoine, *Sieur de Bienville*," by Grace King; "Alexander Hamilton," by Prof. Wm. G. Sumner; "Father Juniper Serra," by John Gilmary Shea, LL.D.; "Cotton Mather," by Prof. Barrett Wendell, of Harvard; "Robert Cavalier, *Sieur de La Salle*," by Edward G. Mason, President of the Historical Society of Chicago; "Thomas Nelson," by Thomas Nelson Page; and "George and Cecilius Calvert, Barons Baltimore of Baltimore."

## AUCTION SALES.

[We shall be pleased to insert under this heading, without charge, advance notices of auction sales to be held anywhere in the United States. Word must reach us before Wednesday evening, to be in time for issue of same week.]  
 APRIL 28, 29.—Executor's sale of a library. (460 lots.)—*Bangs*.  
 APRIL 30, 3 P.M.—Miscellaneous books. (824 lots.)—*Bangs*.  
 APRIL.—The library, maps, historical autographs, and manuscripts belonging to Gerald E. Hart, Esq., of Montreal. Author of "Fall of New France," Ex-President of the Society for Historical Studies, Montreal, etc.—*C. F. Libbie & Co.*, Boston.  
 MAY 2, 3 P.M.—Miscellaneous books. (276 lots.)—*Bangs*.  
 MAY 5, 7, 3 P.M.—Valuable collection of autographs, manuscripts of music by Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, and many others, and original designs by foremost artists. (748 lots.)—Hotel Drouot, Paris. Applications may be made to *G. Boulland*, 26 Rue des Petitschamps.  
 MAY.—Library of the late Henry B. Dawson, of Morristown, N. Y., comprising interesting and scarce works relating to American history.—*Bangs*.  
 MAY 6.—Spring Parcel Sale.—*Bangs*.

## TERMS OF ADVERTISING.

Under the heading "Books Wanted," subscribers only are entitled to a free insertion of five lines for books out of print, exclusive of address (in any issue except special numbers), to an extent not exceeding 100 lines a year. If more than five lines are sent, the excess is at 10 cents per line, and amount should be enclosed. Bids for current books and such as may be easily had from the publishers, and repeated matter, as well as all advertisements from non-subscribers, must be paid for at the rate of 10 cents per line.

Under the heading "Books for Sale," the charge to subscribers and non-subscribers is 10 cents per line for each insertion. No deduction for repeated matter.


Under the heading "Situations Wanted," subscribers are entitled to one free insertion of five lines. For repeated matter and advertisements of non-subscribers the charge is 10 cents per line.

All other small advertisements will be charged at the uniform rate of 10 cents per line. Eight words may be reckoned to the line.

Parties with whom we have no accounts must pay in advance, otherwise no notice will be taken of their communications.

Parties desiring to receive answers to their advertisements through this office must either call for them or enclose postage stamps with their orders for the insertion of such advertisements. In all cases we must have the full address of advertisers as a guarantee of good faith.

## BOOKS WANTED.

 In answering, please state edition, condition, and price, including postage or express charges.

ALLISON & WILSON, 16 W. 125TH ST., N. Y.  
 Modern Lore, by Geo. Meredith.  
 Rose of Flame and Other Poems, Anna Reeves.  
 Defence of Guenevere, by Wm. Morris.  
 Erasmus, Praise of Folly.  
 Creation and Evolution of Man, by Haeckel.  
 Pardoe's Life of Louis XIV.

FRANK BACON & CO., PITTSBURG, PA.  
 Dr. Cheever's Medical Jurisprudence of India. 1870

J. W. BOUTON, 706 BROADWAY, N. Y.  
 Hennepin's Journal.  
 Long's Expedition to the Rockies.  
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